Natural Calamities in States

13. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of natural calamities that occurred in the country during 1985 and the amount of assistance asked by the States to combat the calamities, State-wise;

(b) the actual assistance sanctioned and released to State Governments during 1985;

(c) what are the present norms for sanctioning assistance for natural calamities and when were these decided;

(d) whether Government propose to modify these norms, if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(e) if the answer to part (d) above be in the negative, whether the State Governments have urged the Central Government to modify the norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Statement-I indicating the State-wise and calamity-wise information on Central assistance sought by the States and sanctioned, is attached (*See below*)

(c) statement-II indicating existing norms for Central assistance for various items for natural calamities is annexed (*See below*).

(d) and (E) A Committee has been set up to review and recommend revised norms for Central assistance for natural calamities. The Committee has submitted its interim report, which is under consideration of the Government.

Statement-I

Details of Central assistance sought and sanctioned to various States for natural calamities during 1985-86 (*As on* 20-2-86)

(Rs in crores)

Sl.No.	Name of State	Drought		Floods/cyclone etc.		Earthquake		Fire	
		Sought	Sanctioned	Sought	Sanctioned	Sought	Sanctioned	Sought	Sanctioned
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Andhra Pradesh	1000.60	63.09	..	..	..	..	..	..
2	Assam	..	..	86.88	22.16	6.19	1.43	0.26	0.26
3	Haryana	64.57	9.21	..	..	..	..	..	..
4	Himachal Pradesh	102.21	16.46	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	Gujarat	405.30	82.48	..	..	..	..	..	..
6	Jammu & Kashmir	30.50	4.12	..	..	..	..	..	..
7	Karnataka	511.23	55.03	..	..	..	..	..	..
8	Kerala	—	..	743.36	134.79	..	..	..	..
9	Madhya Pradesh	277.42	51.11	..	..	..	..	..	..
10	Maharashtra	664.37	87.24	35.54	13.91	..	..	..	..
11	Manipur	..	..	4.54	1.60	..	..	..	..
12	Meghalaya	..	..	6.51	3.11	..	..	..	..
13	Orissa	..	..	191.00	32.62	..	..	..	..
14	Punjab	20.03	8.14	474.11	60.88	..	..	..	..
15	Rajasthan	649.55	98.65	..	..	..	..	..	..
16	Tamil Nadu	..	..	186.59	66.81	..	..	1.00	1.00
17	Tripura	..	..	7.61	3.73	..	..	..	..
18	Uttar Pradesh	543.53	51.78	1273.87	128.27	..	..	5.72	1.12
19	Arunachal Pradesh	..	..	8.42	3.79	..	..	..	..
20	Goa, Daman & Diu	..	..	0.015	0.007	..	..	..	..
21	Mizoram	0.72	0.24	..	..	..	..	..	..
22	Pondicherry	2.67	1.19	14.18	5.07	..	..	..	..
	TOTAL	4272.70	528.74	3032.62	476.74	6.19	1.43	6.98	2.38

Statement-II

Sl.No.	Item	Norms	Remarks
1	Gratutious Relief	Rs.2 per head per adult	For old and infirm people
2	Assistance for clothes & utencils	Rs.65— for each family for clothes & same amount for utencils	Those families who have lost their belongings
3	Ex-gratia payment on dead human beings.	Rs. 2000 to the family of each deceased	
4	Assistance for Replacement of lost animals.	Subsidy at the rate provided under the SFDA/ DPAP/IRD Programmes.	Subsidy is given to small and marginal farmers only.
5	Special Nutrition Programmes	Rs.1 per adult and Rs. 0.75 per minor.	This assistance is given for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
6	Desilting/Removal of Debris	50% subsidy of the cost of removal of sand etc. The cost is taken as Rs.1000/- per hectare.	Assistance given for areas held by small & Marginal farmers.
7	Assistance for provision of fodder	Rs.2 per day per large animals and Re.1/-per day for small animals.	Assistance given to small & marginal farmers
8	Employment Generation	Amount equal to the wages fixed under Minimum Wages Act by the respective State Governments.	75% of the Minimum Wages as wage component and 25% as material component.
9	Assistance for Artisans		
	(a) Handloom Weavers	Rs. 100 per equipment for replacement of damage equipment and subsidy for raw material of Rs. 150 per loom.	
	(b) Other Artisans	Rs. 100/- per unit for repair/replacement of damage equipments and Rs. 150/- as subsidy for raw material per unit.	
10	Assistance to Fisherman	1. *Mechanised fishing boats :* Item Cost(Rs.) 14M 4,00,000 12M 2,00,000 13M 1,25,000 2. Plank build unmechanised boat 10,000 3. Dug out canoe 2,000 4. Catamaran 2,000 5. Net for 14M Boat 80,000 6. Trawler net for 12-10M boat 5,000 7. Gillnet (each piece) 500	(a) Subsidy of 25% of the cost is given. (b) Normally damage due to accident is covered by insurance but damage during officially declared foul wheather is not covered by insurance. However, during cyclonic storms, boats are damaged even when at harbours. In case insurance companies treat such damage as an act of God, the cost repair/replacement may be met by Govt. upto 25%.

Sl.No.	Item	Norms	Remarks
11	Agricultural Input Subsidy	At the rate of Rs. 165 per ha.	This assistance is admissible to small and marginal farmers, given for raising alternative or next crops.
12	Subsidy for repair/reconstruction of damaged houses.	Rs. 500 per fully damaged house and Rs. 200 per partially damaged house.	
13	Drinking Water Programmes	Assistance is given on the basis of assessment made by the Central Team which includes the expert from Rural Water/Urban Water Departments.	
14	Repair/Restoration of public assets.	The assistance is given only to bring these assets viz. roads, bridges, buildings irrigation works, flood control works etc. at pre-calamity level. The quantum of assistance is based on the assessment made by the Central Team during their on the spot visit and the date made available by the State Governments.	
15	Other items	The Central assistance for the items is given on the basis of on the spot assessment made by the Inter-Ministerial Central Team consisting of various experts.	

Support Price for Cotton

14. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from the Gujarat Cotton Growers Association;

(b) whether Government have fixed any support price for cotton to save cotton growers from distress sale; and

(c) if so, what is the price fixed by Government and through which agency cotton from the growers is to be purchased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir, Government have received a number of representaions from the Gujarat State CooperativeCotton Federation Ltd.

(b) and (c) With a view to preventing the market prices of raw cotton from falling to unremunerative levels, Government have fixed the minimum support price for various varieties for the 1985-86 season, as detailed in the statement attached (*See below*). The Cotton Corporation of India has been entrusted with the responsibility of undertaking market support operations wherever necessary, except in the State of Maharashtra where the entire cotton production is purchased under the Monopoly Procurement Scheme of the State Government.